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U. S. officials suspect that varied Communist pressures in the West Berlin corridors during the next week may make it one of the most tense in recent history. Some believe that the Soviets may mark the convening of the UN General Assembly on Tuesday with the explosion of a huge hydrogen bomb or possibly another space feat. Some see preparations for the jamming of radio instruments on commercial planes flying the Berlin corridor. If the commercial planes cannot have radio contact on their flights, their insurance is ineffective and they will no longer be able to fly the route. In this event military aircraft will be substituted.

Treasury officials have postponed their plans to present Congress with a tax bill embracing major changes in the internal revenue system until January 1963. The House Ways and Means Committee was so balky on tax legislation during the past session that the administration strategists feel it would be hopeless to get action in an election year. The plan is still to aim for major revisions including the exchange of some of the more significant loopholes for a top tax bracket of 65 percent.

New York attorney Fowler Hamilton is no longer scheduled to succeed Allen Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency and President Kennedy still is searching for his man. Hamilton and the agency had a long look at each other and both finally decided that it might be better to get a man with more experience in intelligence matters. Meanwhile, the long uncertainty over the organization's leadership is reported to be damaging lower echelon morale. The White House expects to get the matter settled very shortly.

George F. Woods, the New York financier who was slated to head the new foreign aid agency, asked that his name be withdrawn after Senator Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), who once destroyed Clare Booth Luce's prospects as ambassador to Brazil, indicated he would wage an all-out war on Woods for his part in the Dixon-Yates contract.

The nomination had been informally cleared by the White House with all the Tennessee Valley senators directly involved in the controversy but no one thought of seeking Morse's approval. Woods, who was in Washington last weekend, conferring with Secretary Rusk and other officials, had been eager for the post.

Many efforts are under way to liven up the State Department. One step that is being taken follows the lines of a report made at the end of the Eisenhower Administration to the effect that too many department specialists were integrated into the Foreign Service as a result of the Wriston proposals in 1954. Specialists are now being "de-Wristonized" in an effort to build up their ranks. Meanwhile, Undersecretary George Ball is reported to be handling much of the administrative work that formerly fell in the bailiwick of Chester Bowles.

New signs of deterioration in the position of Fidel Castro are detected in the executions of some of the former Batista soldiers captured in the April landings. The timing obviously had nothing to do with the landings themselves and the past pattern has been that Castro does his executing when he feels weakest in order to strike fear into the dissenters. The executions were followed by the public demonstration against his regime in Havana and it is reported that several militiamen, the hard core of Castro's supporters, doffed their uniforms during this affair. Castro has struck a hard blow at the exiles by claiming title to their family burial plots. He has done this by invalidating the old titles and giving new ones only to families that are on hand to claim them.

The search is on in the Organization of American States for the

nine men who will guide the economic program of the Alliance for Progress. The hope is to attract men of top talent and of any nationality—all nine do not have to be Latins. The men selected, who will be paid over \$20,000 a year, will be confirmed at a meeting of representatives from all the nations involved in November.

Residents of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, have derived some amusement from the fact that Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, who indicated he was going to rough it in the public park campgrounds, ended up spending four days of his vacation at Grand Teton Park in the plush ranch that is owned there by Lawrence Rockefeller.

The South Vietnamese rangers, who have dropped out of the news lately, have been doing well against the Viet-Cong in the area south of Saigon but the invaders are still building up their forces in the mountains to the North. The end of the rainy season will come in about two weeks and the fighting is certain then to grow more lively. U. S. specialists continue to be disturbed about the deteriorating situation in Laos.

President Kennedy is reported to have decided that it will be necessary for him to campaign for the Democratic candidate for governor of New Jersey, Richard J. Hughes, in the election this Fall. Some advisers have been reluctant to see him go into the State on the grounds that Hughes has a slim chance against James Mitchell, the former secretary of labor. It has not, as far as can be learned, been decided whether Kennedy will campaign for Robert Wagner in New York City.